

**283—25.5 (261) Waivers.**

**25.5(1)** *Service commitment area.* The commission may waive the requirement that the advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant practice in the same service commitment area for five years. The advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant must request a waiver from the commission in writing.

**25.5(2)** *Full-time employment.* The commission may waive the requirement that the advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant be employed full-time if the advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant demonstrates exceptional circumstances. The advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant must request a waiver from the commission in writing. If a waiver request is granted by the commission, the agreement will be amended to provide an allowance for part-time employment. The five-year employment obligation will be proportionally extended to ensure the advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant is employed in a service commitment area for the equivalent of five full-time years.

**25.5(3)** *Postponement of advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant employment.* The advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant obligation to engage in practice in accordance with 25.3(4) may be postponed for no more than two years from the time full-time practice was to commence. The advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant must request a waiver from the commission in writing for one of the following purposes:

- a. Active duty service in the armed forces, the armed forces military reserve, or the national guard.
- b. Service in Volunteers in Service to America or the federal Peace Corps.
- c. A service commitment to the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.
- d. A period of religious missionary work conducted by an organization exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant obligation to engage in practice in accordance with 25.3(4) may be postponed for a period exceeding two years for any period of temporary medical incapacity, including leave approved under the Family and Medical Leave Act, during which the advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant is unable to engage in full-time practice. The advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant must request a waiver from the commission in writing.

**25.5(4)** *Satisfaction of advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant employment.* All obligations under the rural Iowa advanced registered nurse practitioner and physician assistant loan repayment program are considered to be satisfied when any of the following conditions are met:

- a. All terms of the agreement are met.
- b. The person who entered into the agreement dies.
- c. The person who entered into the agreement, due to permanent disability, is unable to meet the requirements of these rules.
- d. The person who entered into the agreement has no remaining eligible loan balance to repay.